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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office action mailed June 22, 2001 in the patent application referenced above. A petition requesting a three-month extension of time from September 22 to December 22, 2001 has been separately submitted so as to permit this communication to be timely filed. A copy of the petition is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Applicants furthermore acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of having been granted a personal interview on August 16, 2001. Accordingly, this communication also constitutes a summary of that personal interview.

Please amend the claims of the application as follows.

Please cancel claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11, 16-19, 26, 33-40 and 51 without prejudice to

Applicants' right to reinstate these claims in this or in a later application.<sup>1</sup>

6. (Amended) The prosthesis of claim 53 wherein the crystalline ceramic substructure has a tooth-like shade.

<sup>1</sup> Claim 30 was inadvertently omitted from the originally filed application, as recognized by the Examiner in the Office action mailed June 22, 2001. It appears that in that Office action, the Examiner renumbered the claims by an Examiner's amendment. The claim numbering used in this communication reflects the result of the Examiner's renumbering of the originally submitted claims.

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